

AMERICAN TELLS OF  
SLAUGHTER AT LOOS

A. J. Tuck, Dartmouth Graduate, Describes Charge of His Brigade.

RECEIVED TWO WOUNDS

HANOVER, N. H., Jan. 8.—Alexander J. Tuck, a Dartmouth graduate of the class of 1911 and a fraternity brother of Richard Melville Hall, the Dartmouth man who was killed recently in the Vosges when a shell hit the ambulance in which he was driving, in an article in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine gives a graphic picture of the battle around Loos, in which the British losses, just officially announced in London, were close to 60,000 men. Tuck was wounded in this fighting.

Alexander Tuck after graduating from Dartmouth went to Oxford University and was there when the war broke out. He received a commission as second lieutenant in the Seventh Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. After five months of training, during which he was made one of the two machine gun officers which each battalion has, the battalion was sent to the Continent.

"We were told," Tuck writes, "that an attack would take place on September 25. It was preceded by four days and four nights of heavy bombardment. This was to break up the enemy's barbed wire and was to be followed by a forty minute gas attack. On the night of the 25th we took our places in the trenches, relieving an outgoing battalion. Orders had been given as follows:

Run Ration for Troops.

"Our brigade was to attack to the left of Loos, taking a half right wheel, and finally to take Hill 70, the next morning on our right had the village of Loos itself to invest and the third brigade of the division was to support these two attacks.

"We did not take our places in the trenches until about midnight on the 24th. The rest of the night we spent in dealing out the ration and in filling the new machine gun magazines. All through the night there was a steady drizzle and then when a hopeless dawn broke upon us every one was wet through and felt anything but like an attack.

"For this great attack the breakfast included an ounce and a half of rum for each man. This allowance was both as to its frequency of issue and amount and is usually put in the tea to prevent the men from hoarding it up and making an occasion of its consumption at the end of the month. That morning it was given to us neat, and well we needed it.

"At 5.40 we started our gas and huge gusts of this yellow-green vapor started drifting toward the enemy trenches. Our battalion had the honor of leading the attack on Hill 70 and we were to be the first out of the trenches. No sooner had our gas started than a veritable hail of German machine gun fire could be heard on the parapet of our trench. By this time the Germans could no longer see our trenches, but having previously fixed their guns on our trench parapets their fire was only too accurate. At the same time their guns started bursting shrapnel over us with equal accuracy.

"The orders started coming down the trenches. 'Fix bayonets' was the first order, and this was hastily complied with. Then the cry came down, 'Remember the Twenty-fifth' for this was the number of our regiment as it was known in the old days. The next order came, 'Get on gas helmets,' and then we knew that only a few minutes separated us from the comparative safety of our trench and the veritable sheet of lead outside.

"The air by this time reeked of a sickening sweet smell of high explosives and shrapnel shells, and the atmosphere was even more clouded by the faint smoke of these.

Climb Out to Attack.

"As the forthright minute ticked itself into eternity orders were given and the men climbed up on the steps and over the parapet. We threw our heavy tripods over the parapet, passing our guns and magazine after them, and straightened out our line so as to resemble the formation of the infantry as much as possible. We had not advanced more than forty yards when a shell burst over us, the same time as we as well as the fragments knocked men all around me to the ground. At the same time as I fell I was blinded in my hand and chest. What followed directly after this is very hazy in my mind. I found later that I had been shot through the right hand and had a flesh wound in the left breast. I got up, working more as a machine than a human being before I stumbled and fell again thirty yards further on. Our machine gun went on and I learned later that this team was knocked out two minutes afterward.

"I vaguely remember crawling into a shell hole, and from there being helped into the head of a sap by a stretcher bearer. Here I was given first field dressing, and soon found myself in a quiet street, a small mining village. Here was a scene which none who saw it will ever forget. The street was covered with men lying on the pavements or just sitting wherever they found room; other men were lying on coal trucks. Here dressings were being applied to the most serious cases. The street literally ran with blood, and although a half dozen shells would have wiped out the lot, the enemy were too busy with our advancing infantry to bother about this place. From here we soon started our trip down country.

"I reached the hospital at Versailles, which formerly had been the Hotel Trianon, and here I heard the price that the regiment had paid. The official casualties in officers who went to the attack were fourteen killed or died of wounds, five wounded and only one came through untouched. I have learned that one of our papers has been recommended for the V. C. His gallantry consisted in walking up and down on the parapet after the hail of bullets had started and picking his men to attack.

"The casualties in the ranks we do not know officially as yet, but they must number well over 500 men out of a thousand, as the casualties in the brigade were 2,000 out of 2,500. The officer casualties in the brigade numbered seventy-two out of eighty. And this was the price a battalion paid for leading a brigade, and a brigade paid for leading an attack which resulted in the capture of Hill 70 and the village of Loos."

LIGHTS TO CALL POLICEMEN.

Essex Falls Chief Has Plan to Protect Mountaineers.

VERONA, N. J., Jan. 8.—Chief of Police Wright of Essex Falls has asked the authorities of that borough to place lights at certain high points on the mountaineer to be controlled from a switchboard at the borough hall. His idea is to use these lights as a flashlight police call system. A man at the central station has a button which could cause a light to flash and these would attract the policeman to any point desired. The plan may be adopted.

TWICE SHOT DOWN,  
LONGS FOR FRONT

Ex-Lockerman of Montclair Golf Club a Victim Also of German War Gas.

REGIMENT LOST 1,388 MEN

"Sure it's a long way to Tipperary, a jolly sight longer way than I could have believed two years ago, but as sure as there are saints in heaven our lads will get there."

Lance Corporal David Williams, back from the front, was in a somewhat despondent mood last night despite his cheerful prediction. It was not because two shell wounds which he carried away as souvenirs from the Hooge district gave him an occasional twinge of pain that he refused to smile often. It was the fact that these wounds, reinforced a few months later by a charge of gas which made him unconscious ten hours, incapacitated him for participation in the final stages of that Tipperary march which he is confident is coming.

David Williams, now 28 years old, was a lockerman at the Montclair Golf Club when the war started. He was a reservist of the Royal Irish Rifles, who had seen three years service, and when the call came he sailed from New York August 3, 1914, was mobilized in Belgium as a rifleman August 24, and September 6 he was in France with the first expeditionary force.

Lance Corporal Williams—he won the promotion at Neuve Chapelle—told his story of the war to a party of friends last night at 714 Third avenue, where he is visiting. He exhibited his wounds—one on the stomach, one on the right leg.

Prisoners as Fighters.

"We had Saxons against us in Flanders and we used to exchange friendly greetings with them every evening," he said in explaining he did not cherish hatred. "They were good chaps, those Saxons, and humane. And how they could fight."

Early in September Williams's command, after withstanding two attacks by a detachment of Von Kluck's army, was driven from its trenches near Soissons. The Irish Rifles marched for eight nights—each lad with a one pound tin of beer and that day's rations—till they reached Bethune, later crossing La Bassée Canal into Belgium. Then they had their baptism of fire.

"Twelve days we advanced and retreated alternately," said Williams. "We never knew where we were going or what we were to do till we reached Neuve Chapelle. We had largely got our trenches dug—we were in a potato field and the soil was so soft we dug with our hands—when the Prussians under Von Buelow attacked. We drove them back three times, the last time in hand to hand fighting, and when we got through there was nothing but a thin red line left on each side.

"Held out another six hours, four hours, two hours, till the reinforcements came," he said, "the reinforcements came," he thought, "the reinforcements would get there. Companies A and B, which were next to mine, charged with bayonets and were wiped out. Finally C—that was my company—got the word to advance. With the reinforcements we took the enemy's trenches, but of the 1,500 men in our command in August only 112 remained after the last charge."

Volunteers as a Scout.

Company C's Captain wanted men to volunteer to act as connecting fire—to creep along several hundred yards to a neighboring village and pass back information of the Germans' activities—and Williams volunteered. He was a scout, near Hooge Williams acted as a guide carrier in a small company which took two lines of trenches.

"We had advanced on the second when a shell burst and I fell," he said last night. "I mind that a comrade took out his first aid kit and bandaged me. Eight hours later some Northumberland Fusiliers carried me away and I was sent to the hospital in London."

The following March found the lance corporal at the front again. His service near Kemmel, in Flanders, with two rows of dead between us and the Saxons," was in the charge on Hill 60, when all hell broke loose against us," and fought around Ypres. Storming a German parapet near Ypres in June he was put out of action by gas.

"I thought it would strangle me," said Williams. "My tongue got so heavy I couldn't breathe. My lips burned and cracked. I tried to swallow but couldn't. I felt my stomach and found it swollen. Then—the next I knew I was in a hospital and they sent me back to Glasgow. Then they told me to come home."

"I wish I could go back to the front now," Williams said. "If this country ever gets into war I'll enlist on the first day. I have first papers and I'm going to be a real American citizen as soon as possible."

"None of the people in England and France thought we ought to be fighting now, but the educated men all say that the course the United States is taking is the only right one."

"I wish I was back there, though, Tipperary? My heart's right there."

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Choice Imported Silks  
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in a variety of striking color combinations, now ultra-smart for evening wear, will be offered at

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in white, black or ecru, will at the same time be marked (for speedy clearance) at

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now in progress, will be continued during the remainder of the month.

This Sale offers an unparalleled opportunity, in view of the increasing difficulty attending rug importations from the East, for obtaining choice Oriental Rugs at prices that do not cover the present cost to import.

Further additions to this great Sale include

CHINESE RUGS

in room sizes at \$85.00, 130.00, 165.00 & 250.00

PERSIAN RUGS

in room sizes at \$125.00, 175.00, 225.00 & 275.00

HALL RUNNERS AND SMALL RUGS

at correspondingly low prices.

Exceptional Values in

Imported Hand-embroidered Underwear

will be offered Monday and Tuesday. In addition to the many styles imported for this occasion, a number of desirable pieces have been taken from the regular stock and marked at special prices.

Nightrobes at \$1.75, 1.95, 2.75, 3.75, 4.25

Chemises at 1.35, 1.75, 2.35

Envelope Chemises at 1.85, 2.85

Pantaloons, \$1.35, 1.55, 1.95

Corset Covers at 1.10, 1.45

Combinations at 2.95, 3.25

Petticoats at 2.25, 2.50, 3.50

(At some of the prices quoted, there is a choice of either French or Philippine undergarments)

A Sale of Corsets and Brassieres

specially prepared for to-morrow (Monday) and Tuesday, will offer unquestionable price advantages.

CORSETS

Of imported broche in white or pink with attached supporters; medium high or low bust, for medium or slender figures; sizes 19 to 28, \$1.95

Of coutil, with attached supporters; medium bust and long enveloppante hip, for stout or medium figures; sizes 18 to 30 . . . \$1.35

BRASSIERES

Of allover embroidery and Bohemian lace; hooked at front; sizes 34 to 48 . . . \$1.50

Of crepe de Chine in white or pink, with ribbon shoulder straps; hooked at front; sizes 34 to 46 at . . . \$1.10

The January Sales of

Linens, Blankets, Bedspreads, etc.

will afford a series of opportunities for economic purchasing during the current week. Among the items of special interest are:

IN THE LINEN DEPARTMENT

Linen Damask Table Cloths each \$2.40, 3.35, 4.25, 6.50 & 8.75

Linen Damask Napkins dozen, \$2.75, 3.25, 4.25, 6.75 & 8.75

Linen Sheets, hemstitched, per pair \$4.75, 6.50 to 10.50

Linen Pillow Cases, hemstitched, per pair \$1.25, 1.50, 2.00 to 2.75

Linen Huck Towels, hemstitched, per dozen \$3.00, 4.20 to 7.50

Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed, per dozen \$2.40, 3.00 & 4.80

Afternoon Tea Cloths, in combinations of Italian filet, Venise and broderie Anglaise, each \$12.75, 17.50 to 25.00

IN THE BLANKET DEPARTMENT

White Blankets per pair \$4.50, 5.50, 6.50 to 11.50

Satin-finish Bedspreads, with scalloped edges: Single size . . . each \$3.00 & 3.75

Double size . . . each 3.75 & 4.75

Satin-finish Bedspreads (size 80x 100 inches), with plain hems, each . . . \$2.65

Crochet Bedspreads each . . . \$1.10 & 1.25

Comfortables

Cotton-filled . . . each \$1.65

Cotton-filled, with figured mull top and plain border . . . each \$2.50

Wool-filled Comfortables, with figured mull top and dotted mull border; reverse matching border, each . . . \$5.50

Muslin Bed Furnishings

Muslin Sheets, with plain hems, each . . . 45c., 55c., 60c. to \$1.10

Muslin Sheets, hemstitched, each . . . \$1.05 & 1.20

Muslin Pillow Cases, with plain hem, each 12c., 15c., 20c. to 28c.

Muslin Pillow Cases, hemstitched, each . . . 25c., 28c. & 32c.

Imported Lingerie Blouses

made entirely by hand, of the sheerest materials, daintily tucked or embroidered and some adorned with real lace, will be offered to-morrow at the decidedly concessionary prices of

\$6.50, \$9.75 & \$12.50

At the same time an attractive assortment of Crepe de Chine, Radium Silk and Georgette Crepe Blouses, in white, teinte-de-chair and the wanted shades for suit wear, will be specially priced at

\$4.50, \$5.50 & \$7.75

A Sale of Negligees

will offer very unusual values to-morrow, in the following:

Negligees of brocaded crepe de Chine, with swansdown trimming, at . . . \$13.75

Negligees of albatross, with collar and cuffs of Philippine embroidery, at . . . \$11.85

Kimonos of crepe de Chine, hand-embroidered . . . \$9.50

Japanese Quilted Robes, plain or hand-embroidered . . . \$7.75

Street, Motor and Travel

Coats for Misses

A number of desirable models in these Outergarments, made of the modish materials, have been selected from stock and arranged in three divisions. These will be placed on sale to-morrow at the decidedly attractive prices of

\$9.50, \$14.50 & \$18.50

(Department, Second Floor)

Women's and Misses' Sweater Coats, Etc.,

quite exceptionally priced, in view of style and quality, will provide a seasonable offering to-morrow in the Department on the Second Floor.

Ribbed Silk Sweaters, with sash, at . . . \$23.50

Wool Jersey Sweater Coats, three-quarter length, fur-trimmed (especially desirable for skating wear) at . . . \$13.50

Brushed Wool Sweater Sets, consisting of sweater, cap and scarf, at . . . \$7.50

Brushed Wool Sweaters, 5.50

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